

2016
WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
Faculty Application

Employment Details

1. Faculty salary is \$5,500. Meals and lodging are provided. Travel is not included and will not be reimbursed.
2. Dates for GSA are June 26-July 16, 2016. Employment will begin Friday, June 24, and end Saturday, July 26. **In addition**, the GSA faculty is **required** to perform auditions at three sites: January 15, 16 at Washington High in Charles Town; January 22, 23 at University High in Morgantown; and January 29-30 at South Charleston High in South Charleston. To ensure consistency, the same judges must be present at all auditions. Missing one is not acceptable, so persons who cannot meet this obligation should not apply. For the auditions, faculty will be paid a per diem stipend, and expenses will be covered.
3. All applicants are required to submit to and pass a background check. Payment is the responsibility of the applicant.
4. Most of the Faculty will live in the residence hall. Faculty with local housing may elect to stay at home provided they fulfill all GSA duties.
5. Faculty will teach two classes daily (three sessions), including weekends, except for travel days. Instruction in the main discipline is 4-5 hours, and the interdisciplinary class is approximately 1 ½ hours.
6. All faculty and staff members are expected to participate with students from breakfast through the night-time activity for the full 21 days of GSA.
9. Faculty and staff are expected to take part in all off-campus field trips. During **all** off-campus activities, the faculty is actively involved with sharing chaperoning/ supervisory duties with the residential staff. Each faculty member will be in charge of a small group, including night-time checks.
10. Applicants being considered will be asked to participate in an interview the weekend of November 20-21, 2015, at a location to be determined. Not all applicants will be interviewed.
11. Faculty members from 2015 who are reapplying simply submit a note via email asking that the 2015 application be activated. All such applicants must have a high recommendation from the 2015 dean. Rehiring is not automatic since the needs of the Academy change from year to year. The background check is still required for re-hires.

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Theme Description

Each year there is an organizing theme for GSA. The theme for 2014-2016 is "Connecting the Arts." Art does not exist in a vacuum. Rather, it is a reflection of its creators, their world, their values, and their cultural ethos. Great artists from a multitude of cultural backgrounds and genres have influenced each other for hundreds of years. Great writers have been moved by the works of great composers. Creative musicians have been inspired by the work of innovative choreographers, and visual artists of every type are students of the world around them. At the 2016 GSA, we will endeavor to spark this cross-disciplinary pollination and capture that potential in a tangible way, guiding students to find ways of expressing themselves artistically that speak not only to peers within their genres, but to other artists, and all types of people.

I. Discipline Area

☐ Acting ☐ Creative Writing ☐ Dance ☐ Digital Media
☐ Instrumental Music ☐ Studio Art ☐ Vocal Music

II. Demographic Information

Name _____ Gender: ____[M] ____[F]

Home Address _____

Workplace _____

Work address _____

Telephone Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

E-Mail Address _____

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III. WV Governor's School Alumni Status

Did you attend: WV Governor's Honors Academy ☐ Yes ☐ No
When? _____ Where? _____
WV Governor's School for the Arts ☐ Yes ☐ No
When? _____ Where? _____

[] WV Governor's School for Math and Science ☐ Yes ☐ No
When? _____ Where? _____

Have you previously taught at GSA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

When? _____ Where? _____

IV. Application Requirements

- [] Completed Faculty application
- [] Resume/CV
- [] Two letters of reference (see below)
- [] Play, musical composition, painting or dance you'd want students to experience.
- [] Statement of educational philosophy concerning high achieving students
- [] Description of innovative teaching projects you have developed
- [] Description of how you'd incorporate the theme 'Connecting the Arts' into your teaching.
- [] Statement of why you want to teach at GSA.

References

Submit two (2) letters of reference with the application form. These letters should include name, title/position, address and phone number of the individual providing the reference. For 2013 employees, the dean's recommendation counts as one of the recommendations. It is required.

Suggested Reference Sources:

- Your current or previous immediate supervisor
- Individual who is familiar with your work
- Personal reference

Completed applications are to be EMAILED to Sherry.L.Keffer@wv.gov; saine.k@wvwc.edu no later than November 15. References may be submitted via email by the writer, or they may be scanned and sent as attachments with your application. References must be received by November 15 as well.

Some may still want to mail the references separately. They may do so by mailing them to the following address: Sherry Keffer, Director of Governor's Schools,

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1900 Kanawha Boulevard East
Charleston, WV 25305